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HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S NEWLY RENOVATED DWIGHT BRANCH OPENS

Hartford, Connecticut (November 26, 2012) — Hartford Public Library announced today that the Dwight Branch will celebrate its newly designed and expanded facility at 7 New Park Avenue with a ribbon cutting on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony will include remarks by Pedro E. Segarra, Hartford's Mayor, Matthew K. Poland, the Library's chief executive officer, and other local officials and community leaders. Later in the day, the branch will sponsor free youth and family activities and refreshments from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

The Dwight Branch of Hartford Public Library, established in 1907 in the neighborhood, is located at a busy intersection in the heart of the Parkville, where it connects to the Parkville Elementary School and the Parkville Senior Center. The expanded branch will increase its capacity to 2,200 square feet, allowing the Library to increase its scope of programs and services. The design by Hartford architects, Tai Soo Kim Partners, expanded and redesigned the existing

branch library with three glass extensions that beckon visitors from the neighborhood. Pioneer Builders of Newington, Inc. was the general contractor for the new facility.

Matthew K. Poland, the Library's chief executive officer said, "We are delighted to create this 21st century library for the Parkville community and the City. The new design of the branch, which was opened at this location in 1979, mirrors the vibrant streetscape during the day, and at night becomes a beacon of light for the community. The space is designed for activities and learning for those who live, work, and study in the neighborhood."

"Our public libraries here in the Capital City represent a hub for education, art and community activities. Libraries are important shared spaces that foster learning and creativity. This expansion is good news for families, individuals, really anyone who visits or lives in Hartford," commented Mayor Segarra.

The branch is opened Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., and Friday, 12:30- 5:00 p.m.

About Hartford Public Library

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Visit hplct.org and the library's new blog at blogs.hplct.org

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